(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal for bringing the sale of blood under a price control system.

'Health for All' Programme

2688. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of 50 years of development Government have not been able to provide health facility to all;

(b) whether Government have launched 'Health for All' Programme;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that health facilities are going out of reach of people day-by-day;

(d) whether this situation reflects the failure of Government on health front; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to give the responsibility of 'Health for All' to Private Sector and disinvest the Government hospitals like PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) Health is a State subject. The main objective of the Government's Health policy is to achieve an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population of the country. For this purpose a vast network of rural health care infrastructure has been created in the country. National Health Programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, TB, Blindness, Leprosy and AIDS are also being implemented all over the country. In addition, infrastructural facilities at CHCs district hospitals etc., are also being strengthened with external assistance in some of the States for the purpose of improving the provision of health care facilities for the people in rural areas.

(e) Government has recently announced the National Health Policy — 2002. Although, the Policy welcomes the participation of the private sector in all areas of health activities with appropriate regulatory mechanism, the Government will continue to play an important role in designing national health programmes with the active participation of the State Governments. The National Health Policy — 2002 does not contain any policy prescription regarding disinvestment of Government hospitals.